

#### HIGH PERFORMANCE POLYMERS

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# Agenda



- 1. Introduction to Radici Group
- 2. Approach to Sustainability
- 3. Environmental Product Declarations
- 4. ReNYcle

# **Organizational structure**





### **High Performance Polymers - Global presence** Wadsworth Lüneburg Villa d'Ogna St. Priest Chignolo d'Isola Suzhou Shanghai Ocotlan Pune Araçariguama Production unit Development and Technical Service Sales office ☐ Warehouse

## From RadiciGroup Vision & Mission to High Performance Polymers Facts

#### RadiciGroup

#### Vision

• To be one of the leading chemical groups in the polyamide, advanced textile solutions and high performance polymers production chain.

#### Mission

- To promote the **development of our businesses** while pursuing our Group values and culture.
- To pursue our vision by valorizing and optimizing our resources, establishing alliances and searching for new markets, including niche markets.
- To **embed sustainability** into new product and application **development.**

#### **High Performance Polymers**

#### Facts

- Growth through **innovation and sustainability** of all our processes and products.
- Vertically integrated polyamide production and specific chemical know-how.
- Worldwide presence with a complete range of materials and tailored solutions.
- Our **people's expertise** and support, offering our customers a competitive advantage.



# Synergy & Integration | PA6.6























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# Synergy & Integration | PA 6.10, PA 6.12 and other polymers







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## High Performance Polymers | Brands





**PA-based engineering polymers** and compounds (PA6, PA6.6, co-polymers, PA6.10, PA6.12, PPA and other special PA for high temperature resistant applications) for injection moulding, extrusion and blow moulding. Main applications in the automotive, furniture, electrical-electronic and technical/industrial sectors along with consumers goods.



**PA6.6-based compounds** including improved heatresistance specialities (Torzen® Marathon) for automotive, electrical-electronic, industrial and consumer applications.



**Special PA-based compounds**, including long glass fibre reinforced grades (LFT) for injection moulding of high mechanical resistance items. Main applications in the automotive and technical/industrial sectors.



**Low-environmental impact PA-based** compounds, manufactured using mainly post-industrial, selected secondary raw materials (PA6, PA6.6). Main applications in the technical/industrial sectors along with the automotive and electrical-electronic sectors.



**PA and PBT-based flame-retardant compounds** used for injection moulding and extrusion. Main application sectors in the electrical-electronic, automotive, technical/industrial sectors along with consumer goods.



**POM co-polymers** destined to applications in the automotive and technical/industrial sectors.



**Polyester (PBT and PBT compounds)** for injection moulding. Main applications in the technical/industrial sectors, along with the automotive and electrical-electronic sectors.



**Thermoplastic elastomers** based on co-polyesters (TPE-E), SEBS and SBS for applications in the automotive and technical/industrial sectors along with consumer goods.



**High performance PPS-based compounds**, distinguished by their exceptional characteristics of chemical-thermal resistance and dimensional stability. Main applications in the automotive and electrical-electronic sectors along with consumer goods.

# **Sustainability**

To RadiciGroup sustainability is the ability to respond day by day to the needs of the present generation without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs.



# The 2030 Agenda





The 2030 agenda is a plan of action for People, the Planet and Prosperity adopted in September 2015 by the governments of the 193 country members of the United Nations. It **incorporates the 17 Sustainable Development Goals** or SDGs.

RadiciGroup shares the Sustainable Development Goals and contributes tangibly to their implementation.

# **Radici InNova: Innovation and Sustainability**

It was established in 2020. Its mission:

- To develop sustainable research and innovation processes, with measured impacts, that respond to the challenges launched by the EU in terms of circular economy.
- To anticipate market and stakeholders demands offering innovative, highly performing products with a low environmental impact.





# Sustainability, in facts



### 237 mln €

# investments to support the competitiveness

of Group companies over the 2016-2020 five-year period.

#### Of which **49 mln €** the amount invested in 2020.

## 3.4 mln €

#### environmental investments

**made in 2020** related to the introduction of Best Available Techniques, efficiency improvement, emission abatement, and research and development activities directed at the development and adoption of low-impact processes and products.

## 3.4 mln €

# Costs for environmental management and protection

(certifications, waste disposal, wastewater treatment, etc.) at the Group companies in Italy.



# RadiciGroup Product Sustainability comes from afar



- Innovation and ecodesign as guidelines.
- Sustainable and measured performance.
- Optimized production systems.
- Collaboration with the entire value chain.
- Transparent communication.



For over

30 years

we have been producing polymers from pre-consumer recycled material For the last 20 years

we have been using green energy for production For over **15 years** 

we have been using materials recovered from end-of-life products

# Why choose RadiciGroup low-environmental impact products?



Because they can be:

- Manufactured using **recycled materials** to reduce the use of valuable virgin raw materials and give new life to pre- and post- consumer scrap.
- Manufactured using **green energy**, which decreases dependence on fossil fuels.
- Bio-based i.e. manufactured, entirely or in part, from **natural raw materials**, vegetable sources that do not compete with plants cultivated for food.
- Bio degradable: **able to separate into their different components** thanks to bio-chemical processes.



Because all RadiciGroup materials are recyclable and durable, key elements in terms of circularity

# Nylon recycling system for circularity



RadiciGroup, thanks to its long-standing know-how in material formulation and recycling, is able to convey scraps either in the same industry from which they originated or into a different one. This depending on of the specific characteristics of the materials and the performance expected from final applications, choosing the most sustainable solution.



- Virgin raw materials
- Recycled raw materials
- – Recycling process
- Scraps

# Our capital is, above all, human



# 95% Permanent employees to total employees

# 92% Percentage of collective bargaining agreement

### • **52%**

## Gross Margin (Value Created) distributed to employees





# Health and Safety at work



RadiciGroup safeguards the Health and Safety of workers monitoring performances as for:

- Risk analysis and management.
- The development of preventive and protective measures.
- Targeted Health and Safety projects.
- Worker training and information.



## Health and Safety at work



All workers are called upon to develop safety management systems.

The contribution of each worker is fundamental for the safety of all.



of the total hours of Employee training

# RadiciGroup and local communities: a single entity

## > From RadiciGroup to Local Communities

- A culture with high Health and Safety standards in all the world.
- Promotion of local social sustainability through welfare policies in the various countries.
- Engine of development in emerging countries and a solid employment opportunity for the younger generation in mountain areas.

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different languages

From Local
Communities to
RadiciGroup

- Support and closeness.
- A unique and special know-how.
- An inclination for organizational and production flexibility typical of local communities.
- Local Suppliers, with whom RadiciGroup has established a relationship of trust and loyalty.





# Sport that coaches for life





Attention and support to:

**Schools** 

Sports associations

The education of the next generations can be achieved through sport. Sport and work are based on the same values: sacrifice, effort and the

will to always improve to achieve ambitious results.

RadiciGroup supports local associations, mainly youth academies, which have the goal of teaching a sport, but above all, of contributing to the growth of young people. An example of this commitment is the Group's support to **Ski Club RadiciGroup.** 

Furthermore, RadiciGroup is the official **"Sponsor del Cuore" of the** Atalanta Bergamo Football Club.



# Our footprint is our mark of sustainability

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Energy Emissions Water Waste Materials used

Are our environmental key-topics



# Our footprint is our mark of sustainability



Also in 2020, several RadiciGroup plants were powered entirely, or for a large part, with green energy and in Italy they could count on the hydroelectric power of supplierpartner Geogreen.

**GEO**GREEN gas, power and efficiency

When the energy source is not renewable, it is natural gas, the least impacting fossil source, to be the chosen solution.





# Our footprint is our mark of sustainability

## **Companies using 100% or mostly renewable source energy:**

## 100%

#### Companies using 100% green energy

- Radici Novacips (Villa d'Ogna) Italy
- Radici Novacips (Chignolo d'Isola) Italy
- Radici Plastics Brazil
- Radici Plasitcs Germany
- Radici Yarn (Ardesio) Italy
- Radici Partecipazioni (Gandino) Italy
- Tessiture Pietro Radici (Gandino) Italy NEW 2020
- Polymerization of Radici Yarn (Villa d'Ogna) Italy
- Polymerization of Radici Fil (Casnigo) Italy

80%

#### Companies using 80% Renewable source energy

• Radici Fibras - Brazil

+6% Renewable source energy 2018-2020





## We aim low only when our target is emissions





ratio - total emissions per unit produced



## Saving water is our second nature



Water used in 2020



99.84% water not taken

away from human consumption



Water saved



### 1 mln

cubic meters saved in 2018-2020, corresponding to the average water consumption of 6,300 families

**70%** 

water saved compared to theoretical requirement

## from 1 to 60.5

water is used from from 1 to 60.5 times in the Group plants





## Voluntary Quality, Safety, Environmental and Energy

**management systems**, implemented according to the most advanced and recognized international standards, make up a framework of best practices.

## They are a valuable tool for sustainable management.

## **Management systems**

Certifications also **attest to RadiciGroup commitment to environmental impact transparent** and third-party-verified **communication**.

Certifications for the 22 companies in the Sustainability Report scope.

- 20 Quality certifications
- O6 Automotive certifications
- **15** Environmental certifications
- O6 Energy certifications
- **14** Health and Safety certifications

#### + Product related certifications

#### **RADICI** GROUP

#### Table of RadiciGroup Certifications (as at September 2021)

RadiciGroup Site	ISO 9001	IATF 16949	ISO 14001	ISO 45001	ISO 50001
Corporate					
Radici Partecipazioni S.p.A.	•				
Business Area: Specialty Chemicals					
Radici Chimica Novara S.p.A.	•		•	•	•
Radici Chimica Deutschland GmbH	•		•	•	•
<b>Business Area: High Performance Plastics</b>					
Radici Novacips S.p.A Villa d'Ogna	•	•	•	•	
Radici Novacips S.p.A Chignolo	•		•	•	
Radici Plastics GmbH	•	•	•	•	•
Radici Plastics Ltda (Brasil)	•	•	•	•	
Radici Plastics (Suzhou) Co. Ltd.	•	•	•	•	
Radici Plastics Usa, Inc.	•	•	•	•	
Radici Plastics Mexico S. De R.I.	•	•			
<b>Business Area: Advanced Textiles Solutions</b>					
Radici Fil S.p.A.	•		•	•	•
Logit Sro	•		•	•	•
Radici Yarn S.p.A Villa d'Ogna	•		•		
Radici Yarn S.p.A Ardesio	•		•		
S.c. Yarnea Srl	•		•	•	
Radici Chemiefaser GmbH					•
Radicifibras Ltda	•				
Noyfil S.p.A Chignolo	•			•	
Noyfil S.p.A Andalo Valtellino	•			•	
Noyfil Sa - Stabio	•		•		
Cordonsed Sa					
Tessiture Pietro Radici S.p.A.	•		•	٠	

## Sustainability: Last 10 years' milestones







Anticipating the Circular Economy action plan that the European Union has been implementing, RadiciGroup completed the "cascading" certification of the environmental impact of its polyamide production chain:

- 1) Introducing production chain Product Category Rules (PCRs)
- 2) Product Environmental Footprint (PEF) impact testing and calculation methods to the base polymer.
- 3) Environmental Product Declarations (EPDs) for engineering plastics and yarns,

The end result of a coordinated program of activities and investments aimed at reducing the environmental impact of products, including: rigorous management of corporate purchasing and production; reduced consumption; replacement, wherever possible, of heavily polluting sources; investments in technologies for emission reduction; research and development; and utmost attention to the efficient use of resources and to quality scrap recovery.



## **EPD**°

Radilon® and Heramid® have a certified Environmental Product Declaration (EPD) giving information about the environmental performance, contents and recycling, which have been controlled and verified according to the requirements of the International EPD® System.

Radilon® Registration number:S-P-00554GlobalHeramid® Registration number:S-P-00707More information is available at www.environdec.com

Radilon® A RV 300	year	2012	2016
Global Warming Potential	Kg CO2 eq	6,82	5,74
Heramid® A GF 030	year	2013	2017
Global Warming Potential	Kg CO2 eq	1,21	0,643



The improvement achieved in the environmental performance of the EPD-certified products is attributable to;

- 1. 100% use at the Italian production plants of hydroelectric power, which is supplied by Geogreen (a related Radici family company, created with the purpose of supplying renewable "zero kilometre" energy to RadiciGroup companies)
- 2. Continuous production process improvements, which have been achieved, in no small measure, through the actions performed specifically for the preparation of the product environmental declarations.

By consulting the website <u>www.radicigroup.com</u>, it is possible to learn how deep our commitment is to sustainability improvement



The consolidation of the procedures developed for EPD Process Certification now provides a robust methodology and reliable data, enabling the Group to compile "Environmental Impact Sheets" that can be distributed to customers who use materials produced by all plants in Europe including those yet not covered by EPDs.

The Environmental Impact Sheets, although not certified are based on the LCA method developed for the EPD's and are therefore highly reliable.

# RENYCLE®



## nylon after nylon



New sustainability-oriented product range of materials from post industrial and post consumer sources



Lower and measurable environmental impact

Safety

Reliability

**Traceability** 

Quality



ATTESTATO DI CONVALIDA DICHIARAZIONE AMBIENTALE DI PRODOTTO ENVIRONMENTAL PRODUCT DECLARATION P4419



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Membro degli Accordi di Mutuo riconoscimento EA, IAF e ILAC. Signatory of EA, IAF and ILAC Mutual Recognition Agreements.



## **RENY**CLE<sup>®</sup> is the answer to:



- Customers who want to reduce the environmental impact of their finished products and are committed to make environmentally conscious choices.
- The evolving legislative context, which is shifting more and more towards the reuse and recycling of materials now considered waste (so-called End-of-Life materials).
- The need for stricter controls and standards to guarantee the safety and traceability of the raw materials used.
- Society in general, which is asking industry to make a greater and more tangible commitment to sustainability.
- Ensuring the right selection, treatment and characterization of post-consumer and post-industrial materials.



## Product definition by raw material source









#### **Virgin material**

This material is produced starting from the chemical precursors of the base polymers.

#### **Post-industrial material**

Material diverted from the waste stream during a manufacturing process.

#### **Post-consumer material**

Material generated by households or by commercial, industrial and institutional facilities as endusers of products which can no longer be used for their intended purpose.

## Consolidated tradition of post-industrial material production



Low environmental impact PA6 and PA66 polymers made of 100% selected materials, primarily recovered from the production units of RadiciGroup High Performance Polymers Business Area.

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## **Outstanding experience in post-consumer materials**

Circular Economy Business Models for innovative hybrid and electric mobility through advanced reuse and remanufacturing technologies and services.



## **RENYCLE<sup>®</sup>** Production process stages





## **RENY**CLE<sup>®</sup> Scope





## **RENYCLE<sup>®</sup> Current product offering**





Hydrolysis resistance and flame retardancy (red phosphorus-free, and halogen-free) are just some achievable properties for this new materials family.

## **RENY**CLE<sup>®</sup> **Post-consumer grades**



Name	Material Description	Market
RENYCLE S GF3001K 3030 BK	PA6-GF30 heat stabilized	Auto, general purpose
RENYCLE S GF2501 HF0 3033 BK	PA6-GF25-HF FR	E&E, Auto (e-mobility)
RENYCLE S N101 3030 BK	PA6	General purpose
RENYCLE S GF3003 3033 BK	PA6-GF30	General purpose
RENYCLE S GF1501K 3030 BK	PA6-GF15 heat stabilized	Auto, general purpose









Currently <u>only</u> available in the <u>EU</u>



## **RENY**CLE<sup>®</sup> **Post-industrial grades**



Name	Material Description	Market
RENYCLE S GF3004K 3030 BK	PA6-GF30, 100% PIR, heat stabilized	General purpose
RENYCLE A GF3002HR 3039 BK	PA66-GF30, HR, containing a PIR%	Auto
RENYCLE A GF3502K 3033 BK	PA66-GF35, containing a PIR%, heat stab	General purpose
RENYCLE A GF3504K 3033 BK	PA66-GF35, 100% PIR, heat stabilized	General purpose







## **RENY**CLE<sup>®</sup> Grades: Mechanical vs environmental performance



PA6-RE from end-of-life industrial goods, 30% glass-fibre reinforced injection moulding grade. Heat stabilized, black colour.

Finished Product	Stress at Break [MPa]	Strain at Break [%]	Impact Unnotched [kJ/m <sup>2</sup> ]
RAD S RV300W 333BK (Reference)	173	3,2	73
RENYCLE S GF3001K 3030 BK	150	3,5	62
RENYCLE S GF3004K 3030 BK	130	2.5	55



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- Being more sustainable than virgin equivalents, it fuels the transition towards climate neutrality and lowcarbon footprint business models.
- It allows for **waste reduction**, minimizing the amount of products sent to landfills or dispersed in the environment, and promotes a culture of **reuse and recycling**.
- It meets the needs of end-customers who are committed to make environmentally conscious choices and support the development of a green-oriented product offering.
- It is consistent with the legislative context, which is increasingly focused on the recovery of discarded materials (so-called EOL materials). Lawmakers aim to ensure transparency, traceability and safety for human health.
- It promotes collaboration with **partners that have consolidated experience** in designing sophisticated products using post-industrial and post-consumer recycled content.



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